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Berger Applauds Cooper Permitting New Natural Gas Pipeline

Raleigh, N.C. – North Carolina Senate Leader Phil Berger (R-Rockingham) on Friday praised the decision by Gov. Roy Cooper’s administration to permit the Atlantic Coast Pipeline to move forward.

The major infrastructure project will transport more clean and reliable natural gas to North Carolina to help meet the state’s growing energy needs, lower energy costs and reduce greenhouse gas emissions associated with coal-fired electric plants. Construction of the pipeline is expected to create 4,000 jobs during construction and thousands of jobs after completion, and to generate millions of dollars in property tax revenues in rural eastern North Carolina. The pipeline is supported by elected officials and a majority of North Carolinians, according to polls.

“I’ve supported the Atlantic Coast Pipeline from the start, and while approval took longer than it should have, I appreciate Gov. Cooper finally standing up to the far-left environmentalists and permitting this job-creating project,” said Berger. **“This new pipeline will allow North Carolina to reap the benefits of the fossil fuel driven energy revolution that is powering America’s economic growth. I sincerely hope this signals a new willingness by Gov. Cooper to reject the radical anti-business elements that dominate today’s Democratic Party and work with Republicans on pro-growth economic policies that will create jobs in North Carolina.”**

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